

NOVEMBER 17, 2011

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: CAMPBELL, GIBBS, WARRUM, STRAW, and WALKER along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins and Attorney Nathan Maudlin.

The following visitors were present: Mick & Barb McConnell, Connie Weinzapfel, Betty Gibbs, Lisa McCarty, Bryan Zingg, Marie Opatrny, Jeremy Farrar, David Flanders, Johnathon Scott, Vicki Campbell, Jeanne Maudlin, Gail & Jim Norton, Mary Hidbrader, Debbie Bennett-Steersman, Bobby Grider, and Scott Champlin.

Councilman Walker made and Warrum seconded a motion the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Gas/street superintendent Bobby Grider announced leaf pick up will end around the second week of December.

Councilman Gibbs reported a sink hole at North & West Streets that will be repaired.

Councilman Warrum announced tree planting continues.

President Campbell stated Council members are having difficulty finding persons willing to serve on the Cemetery Board. He suggested that Council consider abolishing the Cemetery Board and having Council take over the decision making. Attorney Maudlin recommended that the current Cemetery Board meet and decide whether or not to turn control back to Council. In the case of a tie vote among the existing two Cemetery Board members, Attorney Maudlin advised Clerk-Treasurer Atkins would be the tie breaker.

Councilman Straw reported the floor has been poured at the new fire station.

Debbie Bennett-Steersman, with the Economic Development Coalition, asked if Council intends to apply for a grant for the storm water project. If so, a public hearing needs to be held prior to submittal of the proposal, which is due in January. Council members agreed to proceed with the grant application and will conduct the required public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on December 15.

Marie Opatrny, associate professor of social work at the University of Southern Indiana, spoke to Council about a health care survey she had conducted. She introduced Lisa McCarty and Bryan Zingg, master of social work students, who helped with the survey. Ms. Opatrny reviewed the survey methodology and results.

Jeremy Farrar, the Town's certified operator for the wastewater utility, presented information to Council on some monitoring equipment he is recommending the Town purchase. He feels monitoring equipment needs to be installed at the plant in the control room and in the microstrainer. This will alert personnel to any problems, such as flooding. There will be an annual cell service fee for the units if they are installed. Councilman Walker made and Warrum seconded a motion the two monitoring systems be purchased at a total cost of \$4,057. This includes the two units, installation fee, and the two annual wireless service fees. All were in favor. Motion carried. Councilman Walker thanked Mr. Farrar for his service to the Town.

President Campbell reported the Town has received quotes from three companies for mowing Maple Hill Cemetery for 2011. Scotty's submitted a bid of \$1,104.50 per mowing, while the other two contractor's bids were lower. However, Council is unsure of the credibility of the other bidders. Councilman Straw made and Gibbs seconded a motion the bid from Scotty's be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Straw made and Walker seconded a motion that the annual budgets for the water and sewer utilities that were prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Atkins at the request of Rural Development be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

David Flanders requested that Council install three-way stops at Brewery and Frederick Streets and/or Brewery and Murphy Streets. He stated two pets were killed by hit and run drivers in those areas in the past week. Mr. Flanders commented on the high number of students that come through the area coming to and from school. He has spoken to most residents of the area and all were in agreement with his request. Councilman Straw suggested that the yield signs on Murphy and Frederick be changed to stop signs, and a three way stop be installed at the alley between Murphy and Frederick Streets at Brewery. Town Marshal Scott Champlin suggested Council

research the law to ensure it is legal to include an alley in a three way stop. A report will be made at the next meeting after the law is researched.

Councilman Gibbs made and Walker seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Council members agreed to change the time of the December Council meeting to 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

David Campbell, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer